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Tuesday last day to register to vote in election

Monday, Aug. 3 is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming first primary and non-partisan election which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Theresa LePore, supervisor of elections, is advising all potential voters that there are approximately 400 sites around the county where one may obtain a voter registration application or, you may call 561-355-2650 to have an application mailed to you.

The application must be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office by 5 p.m. on Aug. 3 or postmarked by midnight on Aug. 3.

Glades citizens can register at the Glades Courthouse, 2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade. The courthouse is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voter registration is also available on weekdays at all driver's license offices, public assistance agencies, public libraries, agencies serving disabled person, armed force's recruiting officers and centers for independent living.

For further information, please call the courthouse at 996-4800.

CPR class offered by local Red Cross

The Glades Area Service Center for the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a CPR-First Aid class on Aug. 8 at the Service Center, 425 N.W. Canal Street, Belle Glade. The class will start at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

To register please call 992-9703.

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OPENING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...The Point Chosen Bridge, which leads to the Belle Glade Marina, will reopen on August 1. It has been closed for repairs since June 15 and work was not expected to be finished until Sept. 22. The contractor, Murphy Construction, finished the job in just over a month and a half.

New director takes the helm at West Technical Education Center

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

The area's technical center has a new director. Dr. Cynthia R. Smith took over the reins at West Technical Education Center on July 1.

"I'm really pleased to be here and I believe there's a lot of potential," she said.

Dr. Smith says she doesn't plan to make any major changes to the curriculum or staff while she is learning her way around.

"I want to get to know people, talk to them and find out what they want," she said.

Dr. Smith left a highly challenging career as the director at the Delray Full Service Center, a job she held for three years.

She is proud of the progress the school made during her tenure. Formerly the Carver Middle School, the Delray Full Service Center was in deplorable condition when she came on board.

"My first day on the job there were reporters on campus. Half of the school had been condemned. It was a very challenging situation," she said.

As an African American, Dr. Smith said some of her friends believed she had been set up for a fall when she took the position.



Dr. Cynthia Smith

In addition to the run down condition of the school there was no curriculum, staff or student handbook.

"Now, the Delray Full Service Center has become a model for the state," noted Dr. Smith.

Capitalizing on her grant writing ability, Dr. Smith and her staff were able to secure \$1.5 million for repairs, painting and a new wing for the school. Two hundred computers were purchased in addition to new teacher's software.

"When I left there students were actually getting jobs with local businesses," said Dr. Smith. "I feel I accomplished what I had set out to do, but most importantly, I feel like I

was a role model for those kids," she said.

Starting her teaching career in 1975, Dr. Smith taught vocational education at Twin Lakes High School. "I came through the ranks," she said.

Dr. Smith went back to school and obtained a masters degree in educational administration and supervision.

In 1983 she took her first administrative position as the project manager for the Youth Employment and Training program through the Palm Beach County Vocational Department, a position she held for six years.

She was the district's first grant writer. "In that position I had staff at each tech center, including West Tech, so I'm familiar with this center," she said.

In 1993 she obtained her doctorate and a promotion. She was named the assistant director at South Technical Education Center.

While only on the job a few weeks at West Tech, Dr. Smith says she is pleased with the slower pace. "I feel like I've died and gone to heaven," she said. "This is very nice."

Dr. Smith lives in Wellington with her 17-year-old son, Marvin, who is in the Magnet Program at Suncoast High School.

Pahokee residents ask for hospital reopening

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Pahokee residents are lobbying for the reopening of Everglades Regional Medical Center, but may have to settle for a clinic in town.

During a rally held Wednesday, July 22, attended by over 200 at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, citizens told Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck they feel it's an unsafe situation for families to have to travel to other hospitals for emergency treatment.

Mr. Schenck, who also sits on the Palm Beach County Health Care District Board, told residents the district hopes to open an urgent-care clinic in town. The district, which owns both Everglades and Glades General in Belle Glade, has entertained bids to sell both hospitals.

Everglades Regional closed its doors in April and filed for bankruptcy after several years of litigation with the Health Care District over ownership and funding.

Rev. Larry White, pastor at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, said concern has been strong ever since the hospital closed and there have been several incidents which confirm the need for a hospital in town.

He said a petition to reopen Everglades has been circulating for several weeks and already over 2,000 people have signed.

"We have asked Mr. Schenck to get back to us with a report in 30 days, and the residents were very pleased to hear him say a clinic would be opened here," said Rev. White.

But Cecil Bennett, the CEO at the Health Care District, has said the possibility of a clinic would not be discussed until a July 29 meeting at the district offices.

People Engaged in Active Community Efforts, Inc. (PEACE) co-sponsored the rally last week.

Rev. Larry Andrews, co-chair of PEACE, said, "Since the closing of the hospital we have had many tragic incidents in this community. A child has died because there was no medical services and many other life threatening situations have occurred. The city has a responsibility to provide this community with emergency medical services."

Rev. White said that another citizen's rally is set for August 6 at the church. Residents hope to hear an update on the clinic and the hospital from Mr. Schenck at that time.

Two robberies in two days lead to three arrests

Three people were arrested in two separate robberies in Belle Glade and one additional suspect is being sought. The K-Country at 509 S.W. 16th Street was robbed on July 18 and Raul's Market, 301 West Avenue A was robbed July 20.

Two suspects, Lamar Phillips, 24 and Raul Phillips, 25, both of Belle Glade, were arrested in the K-Country robbery and a third suspect is wanted for questioning.

Two men wearing ski masks and armed with hand guns robbed the clerk, Novelette Nicholson of about \$100 and her personal jewelry. They fled in a car police say was driven by Bryant. A short time later police stopped the car and arrested Bryant, but they say Phillips fled the scene and was arrested the next day.

Phillips and Bryant are being held at the West County Detention Center without bond and charges are pending against the third suspect.

Jwan Singleton, 15, of Belle Glade confessed to police last week in the robbery of Raul's Market on July 20.

In a statement to detectives, Singleton said he was on his way to another store to rob it when he stopped at Raul's Market to purchase a sausage. When the clerk called him by name, he said he got mad and pulled a 22-caliber pistol from his waistband and robbed her instead. She later identified Singleton to police.

Singleton was charged with armed robbery and petty theft and taken to the Juvenile Detention Facility in West Palm Beach.

• Save Our Rivers •

By TWILA VALENTINE

In the 11th part of this series, we continue looking at the individual projects contained in this planning document, concentrating on the various projects associated with the Kissimmee River Restoration Project. These projects are included in the South Florida Water Management District's 1998 Land Acquisition and Management Plan.

This report breaks down the individual projects to the Kissimmee Prairie Ecosystem, the Kissimmee River (Lower Basin), the Kissimmee River (Upper Basin) and Paradise

Run.

The report includes all the individual projects planned which cover the district's 16-county area.

• Kissimmee Prairie Ecosystem

This project is located wholly within the boundaries of Okeechobee County and totals about 46,000 acres which lie east of the Kissimmee River. Last year, the district and CARL purchased the entire tract.

About 7,000 acres are directly related to the restoration project and contained within the floodplain boundaries of that area. The balance of 39,000

acres is dry prairie and is one of the most unique areas remaining in natural Florida. Because of lands which have been converted to citrus and improved pasture, this

Eleventh in a series

acreage is probably the largest and best example of its type remaining in the world.

Four major tributaries flowing into the Kissimmee River have their headwaters within the boundaries of this area

and discharge into Pool B on the C-38 Canal, the other name given to the Kissimmee River.

Although the dominant land feature is dry prairie, there are extensive wetlands scattered throughout. Basin and depression marshes, and wet prairies vary in size from less than one acre to more than 500 acres, and all are in excellent condition. There are 10 separate community types, all of which are mostly undisturbed and the size and quality of the communities provide breeding habitat for a number of listed wildlife species.

The Florida Game and

Fresh Water Fish Commission has named the site as a Strategic Habitat Conservation Area. The National Audubon Society's 7,400 acre Kissimmee Prairie Sanctuary lies immediately to the east of the property and the two share a 3.5-mile common boundary. This site, too, is dominated by dry prairie and this helps expand the coverage of that community type and its associated wildlife.

This project forms an integral connection with the Kissimmee River acquisition lands. Further west, on the Highlands and Polk counties

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Heat bursts can be quite dramatic

By Mike Lyons

One of the most beautiful places on Earth is the area around Lake George in upstate New York. My wife's family has owned a small, rustic cabin (meaning no TV) high in the Adirondack Mountains for years.

Each summer, we spend several weeks in this idyllic paradise, sailing, water skiing and just generally relaxing. One of the biggest changes all of us experience is the weather.

When I flew into Albany, New York last week to spend a few days at the lake, the shift in weather was quite dramatic. I left hot, humid but sunny south Florida and ended up in quite chilly and very wet central New York. The temperature in Albany was 58 degrees.

Thankfully, the rest of my stay featured sunny skies and very comfortable temperatures in the middle 70's. Still, I heard many of the year-round residents of the area complain about the heat.

"This isn't heat," I said. "Let me take you to south Florida in July. Now, that's heat."

Or, I could tell them about the morning of September 9, 1994 in the town of Glasgow, Montana. The residents of that tiny mountain community really know what it feels like to be hot.



MIKE LYONS

The temperature at 5:02 that morning was a comfortable 67 degrees. But, 15 minutes later the mercury had risen to an incredible 93 degrees. An increase of 26 degrees in a quarter hour! Yet, 13 minutes later at 5:40 a.m. - the mercury had returned to a cozy 68 degrees.

What caused this dramatic, yet short-lived increase in the temperature? It is something called a heat burst, one of the oddest of atmospheric phenomena.

A heat burst originates high in the air in the middle of a mature thunderstorm. Usually, a thunderstorm will cool the air with a gust of wind, but sometimes the opposite is true.

Occasionally, air is forced down through a storm and is warmed by compression as it heads toward the ground. The result is a burst of heat that can turn quickly and change

the weather.

On the night of June 15, 1990, a heat burst struck northwest of Waco, Texas. Winds gusted to 80 mph producing a 140 degree rise in one resident's thermometer. Damage was reported to buildings and crops in the area.

Another heat burst was recorded in July of 1949 in Portugal. A weather observer saw the temperature soar from a hot 100 degrees to a stifling 158 degrees in about two minutes.

There have been other documented, short term temperature increases in other parts of the world but most of these can be attributed to very dry, warm winds. A Chinook wind - common in the western United States - is a good example.

On January 22, 1943, the temperature in Rapid City, South Dakota rose 49 degrees in two minutes. At 7:32 a.m. it was 4, and two minutes later, it was 45 degrees. A Chinook wind descending off the lee slopes of the mountains was responsible.

But a heat burst is different and just as rare. Too bad a heat burst didn't develop near Lake George last week. Then the local residents would know what real heat is all about.

Mike Lyons is the chief weatherman at WPBF-TV.



Howard Searcy with the South Florida Conservancy District spoke at the Belle Glade Rotary Club meeting on July 23. Mr. Searcy gave Rotarians the latest update on the Everglades Restoration Project. Photo Courtesy of Ed Rongione



Donna Ott, (right) a teacher at Gove Elementary School in Belle Glade was the recipient of the Educator/Professional of the Year Award at the ARC/Florida 45th Annual Conference Awards Breakfast held in Orlando. Glades Area ARC Vice President Donna Adams Roberts congratulates Ms. Ott.



The Sun newspaper was the recipient of the Press Award at the Association for Retarded Citizens' 45th Annual Conference Awards Breakfast held in May. Brenda Bunting, (right) editor and general manager at The Sun, accepts the award from Glades ARC Vice President Donna Adams Roberts.

Two receive awards from Association for Retarded Citizens at 45th Annual Conference

The ARC/Florida 45th Annual Conference Awards Breakfast was held Friday, May 29 in Orlando.

The Sun newspaper was the recipient of the Press Award and Donna Marie Ott, a teacher at Gove Elementary School, won the Educator/Professional of the Year Award.

In announcing the award, Glades Area ARC Executive Director Scot Kannel said, "The Sun newspaper is a friend of Glades Area ARC. The newspaper has been an active advocate for people with developmental disabilities."

Mr. Kannel noted that The Sun, which publishes 52 newspapers in a calendar year, had eight issues which had articles pertaining to the Glades ARC.

They highlighted articles on

National Mental Retardation Month, fund raising events, annual awards for Glades Area ARC and a report from our annual meeting," said Mr. Kannel. "The ARC/Florida salutes The Sun for their commitment to improving the lives of Florida's citizens who have developmental disabilities."

Ms. Ott was the recipient of the Educator of the Year award. In her classroom at Gove Elementary she instructs her children through positive reinforcement, specific praise and a variety of professional and teacher-designed augmentative systems, said Mr. Kannel.

Children in her class are involved with the community through the Very Special Arts Festival, Special Olympics,

community field trips and special visits by members of the community into her classroom.

"Donna continuously expands her knowledge base through graduate courses in her field, seminars, certification classes and independent educational research," said Mr. Kannel. "She also spends a great deal of time consulting with individual children's professional team e.g., therapists, doctors, social workers, and previous teachers."

"Donna demonstrates a balance between professional life, spiritual life, and a healthy personal physical life, allowing her to maintain an optimum mind-set, necessary for the quality of education she provides to the benefit of her students," he said.

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side of the Kissimmee River, lies the Avon Park Bombing Range. This area of more than 100,000 acres is primarily managed as a natural area.

Overall, the report states, the property is in excellent condition. For the past 60 years, it has been operated as a cattle ranch, with no improved pasture.

Most of Seven Mile Slough has been channelized, but restoration could probably be accomplished relatively easily with a series of earthen plugs. The major management toll will be prescribed fire.

The dry prairie community

is likely maintained with a high fire frequency, so annual burning of large tracts will be required.

This tract has excellent recreational and educational opportunities. The property's size, diversity, and accessibility lend it to a variety of passive uses. Hiking and equestrian trails, including wilderness camping areas for both are possible. There are extensive educational and research opportunities.

The property will be managed as a state park under the name of Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve under the Parks and Recreational Division of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The project is still in planning phases and the first phase of access improvement at the entrance is underway. Barry Burch is the park manager and living on site. There are biological, environmental and public use assessments underway.

Eventually, there will be a series of hiking trails with wilderness camping and equestrian trails will be developed. There will also be a preserve headquarters and information center. Vehicle access to the preserve is a limiting factor at this time.

Bank of Belle Glade honored with 1998 Winners' Circle Award

The Bank of Belle Glade has been awarded the 1998 Winners' Circle Award for outstanding

performance in banking by the Community Bankers of Florida (CBF). The award recognizes

banking institutions which reach beyond the ordinary to set higher standards of excellence.

Inclusion in the Winners' Circle is limited to those Florida Community-based banks and thrifts whose performance has placed them at the top of the community banking industry. The Bank of Belle Glade is the only bank in Western Palm Beach County to be recognized with this award, and one of only two banks in Palm Beach County to be honored.

The Winners' Circle Award is the highest honor a member may receive from CBF.

In the Florida banking industry there are 266 independent, locally-owned community banks and thrifts.

Only 37 CBF member institutions received the 1998 Winners' Circle Award. Each Winner's Circle institution has been rated in the top 30% of the Southeast Region Peer Group, as calculated by Sheshunoff Information Services, Inc. for the period ending December 31, 1997.

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Sometimes, good health is a matter of common sense

I often wonder at the inability of much of the American public to use common sense.

Something will come out in the news about a food product or additive and people overreact.

When Oprah Winfrey had-mouthed hamburgers on her television show, Texas cattle-men said they lost millions of dollars when their viewers stopped eating beef.

The same thing happened a few years ago to eggs. Actually, it happened twice.

First eggs were blamed for high cholesterol. Then they were blamed for outbreaks of salmonella poisoning.

On a personal note, one of the healthiest people I know eats eggs every day. He's 81 years old, still runs his own business



By Katrina Elksen,
Contributing Editor

and has been eating eggs every morning since he was old enough to eat breakfast.

He's my father.

I was reminded of my morning routine recently when doing research on how nutrition affects memory. I read that choline is one of the substances

the body needs in order for a person to maintain a good memory.

My dad has an exceptional memory. He once worked for the railroad and he can still recall the train numbers and departure times. He loves to read and has always been interested in the presidents of the United States. He not only can recite the presidents in order, but can also tell you who their vice presidents were and in most cases, many of the members of their cabinets.

So what's the connection between the eating habits of my healthy, mentally-able 81-year-old father and choline? Eggs are high in choline.

Eggs are also low in calories, high in protein and a good source of vitamin A. They're

inexpensive and store well in the refrigerator.

According to "The Nutrition Bible" by Jean Anderson and Barbara Deskins, one large egg contains 6 grams of protein but has only 75 calories.

It is true that an egg contains 212 mg cholesterol as well as 5 grams of fat.

However, researchers now believe that a person's overall cholesterol ratings are more affected by lifestyle factors than by intake of foods containing cholesterol.

That's because cholesterol levels are not just affected by what you eat. The human liver produces cholesterol, both the "good" kind and the "bad" kind. If you smoke cigarettes, your body will produce more of the "bad" cholesterol. If you exer-

cise regularly, it will produce less of the "bad" kind. If you are overweight, your body will produce more of the "bad" cholesterol.

So the egg you eat for breakfast may not affect your cholesterol level as much as the cigarette you smoke after breakfast.

As for the problem of salmonella poisoning, there's an easy solution to that problem. Cook the eggs before you eat them. That kills any bacteria.

For those who like hard-boiled eggs, make sure you refrigerate the eggs after you cook them. Boiling the eggs makes the shells permeable. If you leave them out after cooking, they could be at risk for bacteria. (It's fine to color hard-boiled Easter eggs, but hide the

plastic kind in the yard for the kids to find. This also helps avoid the problems associated with eggs that are hidden a little too well and may not be found for a few days.)

Here's another bit of egg trivia. For those who don't like their breakfast eggs scrambled, take the eggs out of the refrigerator a few minutes before you plan to cook them. If you let the eggs warm to room temperature, the yolks will be less likely to break when they hit the pan. As always, before making any dietary changes, check with your doctor. This is especially important for those on medication. Some foods affect the way the body absorbs or reacts to medication.

And whether or not you eat eggs, eat your breakfast.

Increasing numbers survive heart attacks

Federal agency's commitment to research and education makes a difference

(NAPS)—Fifty years ago, a heart attack meant certain death for a third of all patients. But in the past 50 years, medical research conducted and supported by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) has cut the average number of deaths from heart attack in half.

In the 1940s, if you were one of the fortunate survivors of a heart attack, you were usually hospitalized for six weeks, treated with painkillers, and then kept in bed at home for about six months. But thanks to a half-century of research, the average hospital stay for a heart attack is down to 10 days, and you are encouraged to return to normal activities within weeks.

The NHLBI was established by Congress as part of the National Institutes of Health in 1948 to guide research into the preven-

tion and treatment of heart disease. As it celebrates its 50th anniversary, let's look at a few highlights from the past 50 years:

Heart Disease Risk Factors

Under the direction of the NHLBI, the Framingham Heart Study began in 1948 to track the course of heart disease in a small Massachusetts town. This long-term, ongoing study has determined much of what is known today about risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking. As a result of the findings from the Framingham study, your doctor can now advise you about lifestyle changes that you can make to prevent and treat heart disease—for example, eating a heart-healthy diet and getting regular exercise.

Imaging Technologies

Great strides in diagnosing

heart and blood vessel disease have been made during the past 50 years with the development of techniques that allow doctors to see inside these organs without surgery. When the NHLBI was created, the only way to look at the heart was by X-ray. But the first successful look at the beating heart was made possible in the '50s through a technique called coronary angiography. This procedure, which involves injecting dye into coronary arteries to enhance X-ray images, is still a widely used diagnostic tool. And today, doctors can use even gentler and less invasive diagnostic procedures like magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultra-

sound. With the support of the NHLBI, all of these diagnostic tools have come into common use, making heart disease diagnosis easier and safer for patients.

Surgical Advances

Fifty years ago, there was nothing physicians could do to correct the damaged arteries that led to a heart attack. But in the 1950s, the development of the heart-lung machine enabled doctors to perform open-heart surgery for the first time. This advance led to surgical procedures that could repair damaged hearts and blood vessels. One of these procedures, coronary artery bypass grafts, is now done routinely to reroute blood flow around blocked ves-

sels. To reduce your risk of developing heart disease or having a heart attack, the NHLBI recommends:

- Eat a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Get regular exercise.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Don't smoke.

If you or someone you know

has heart disease, it no longer signals the end of a full life. In fact, you can still live a long and productive life. To learn more about preventing and treating heart attack and heart disease, write to the NHLBI Information Center, P.O. Box 30105, Bethesda, MD 20824-0105, or visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/.

Food Can Be A Powerful Drug

(NAPS)—Food can be your greatest ally or your worst enemy, says an interesting new book on nutrition.

According to Barry Sears, Ph.D., author of *The Zone, Mastering The Zone, and Zone-Perfect Meals in Minutes*, food can be as powerful as a drug and should be given the same respect you would give to any prescription drug.

That's the philosophy behind the Zone diet, which more than two million people have already used to improve health and performance. The diet is based on the hormonal consequences of food rather than the calorie content.

"The Zone treats food like a powerful drug. Properly administered, this drug allows you to maintain peak mental alertness throughout the day, increase your energy, and reduce the likelihood of chronic disease—in his latest book *Zone Food Blocks* (\$17.95, ReganBooks).

A food block is the unit of measurement for the total macronutrient in any food ingredient. For example, the average female needs three blocks of protein, carbohydrates and fat for every meal and snack; a perfect Zone meal for a woman would be a grilled chicken Caesar salad with a piece of fruit for dessert.

To make Zone eating even more effortless, Dr. Sears has taken almost every type of food, including frozen dinners and fast foods, and broken them down into their component Zone food blocks. With this handy information, Zoners can easily figure out exactly how many

blocks of fat, protein and carbohydrates a food contains.

Many try to lose weight by lowering their intake of fat grams, but eating pasta every night on low-fat diets can still pack on the pounds. A perfect Zone meal might be three-quarters cup of pasta, four ounces of chicken and some red sauce. The Zone gets even easier when you think of food in terms of food blocks that have their proper balance at every meal.

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OPINION PAGE



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Activate traffic light

"Good afternoon. I'm speaking out about the new traffic light that was installed on Highway 80 right before you get to SR 715. It's the new traffic light that leads you to Glades Central. It's the little access road that will take you into Glades Central.

The traffic light has been working for the last two or three weeks, but it is my understanding it may be there just to work when school is in session.

However, the light needs to be working for the normal traffic even though school is out because so many accidents have almost occurred there. In fact, I almost had an accident there myself.

So, if you could, address this in the newspaper about why the light isn't working. It will not hurt the city to turn that light on even though school is out because I think there is going to be an accident there soon

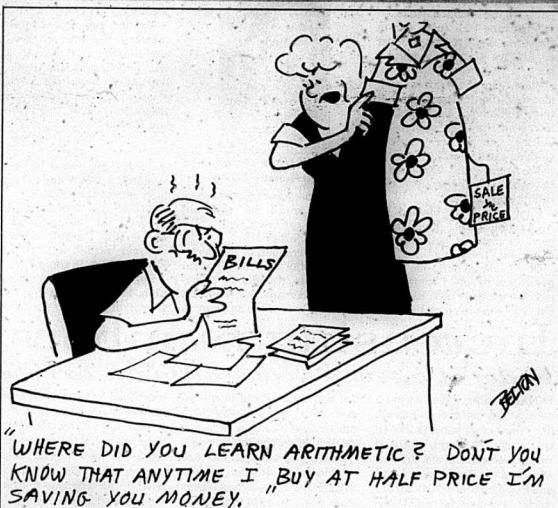
if something is not done about it.

Thank you for allowing me to speak out."

Belle Glade Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller responds: "The new traffic light at the S.R. 80 entrance to Glades Central Community High School-Pioneer Park Park Elementary is designed to facilitate safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic during school hours and special events.

I appreciate your concern about general traffic safety in the area and will initiate a traffic safety study and discussion with Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering and Florida Department of Transportation regarding this matter.

Please feel free to contact me to express further concerns and/or receive a progress report. I will try to expedite a decision in this matter that will insure the best possible traffic and pedestrian safety."



Crowded flights a boon to this summer's travelers

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News
The cab was late, the kids are starving, two suitcases got left behind and now the ticket agent says your flight to see Grandma in Duluth has been overbooked.

Ready to boil? Try cooling your summer travel temper with this: As frustrating as it can be, over booking actually saves travelers money in the long run because it keeps airlines from having to fly with empty seats, a new University of Florida study finds.

"People may not like over booking because they can show up for a flight and lose their seat, but our research shows that the practice is actually good for customers," said

Steven Shugan, a University of Florida marketing professor who did the research with Ramarao Desiraju, a business professor at the University of Delaware. "When a flight is over booked, the average fare is actually lower than the fare would be if the flight were not overbooked."

Airlines reserve a certain share of their seats for business travelers, who are charged much higher rates than other passengers, Shugan said. But when flights are over booked and business travelers don't show up, their seats go to low-fare leisure travelers, he said.

Without over booking, he said, something far worse would result: costlier air fares.

To fill planes profitably, airlines use a complex system of over booking and early discounting called "yield management," in which passengers are charged different rates according to how soon they buy their tickets, he said. Airlines reserve a limited number of discount seats for travelers who book weeks ahead of the flight, charging increasingly more the later reservations are made. Last-minute business passengers pay the most, he said.

"Business travelers may pay \$1,000 a piece to fly to New York when a deep discount fare is \$300," he said. "One reason is that \$700 is insurance to be sure they get a seat. Most people see Air travel/Page 5

Letters to the Editor

Let's keep campaign on the issues says Tony Masilotti

Dear Editor:

Too often in our political process electioneering degenerates into personal attacks and gossip. When this happens, attention becomes focused on things that don't matter while the critical issues remain unattended. Attempts to malign my character, misstate my views or misrepresent my record only serve to distract the voters from the real problems now facing our district. I hope my opponents and their supporters will keep this in mind and adjust their comments accordingly during the last weeks before the primary.

Central Palm Beach County is under unprecedented growth pressures which are about to be greatly intensified with the construction of projects already approved. If we do not take a firm stand on slowing down this avalanche of excessive growth existing residents will soon be burdened with skyrocketing taxes and urban style problems - exactly what we moved here to avoid.

In this regard, it is essential that any additional highways in this area be focused on relieving the traffic of existing residents and not sited primarily to open up additional large tracts for subdivision. Most particularly the 13,000 plus acres of groves located to our west.

This is the reason I recommend the extension of SR 7 to be realigned to tie in with 110th Street North in the acreage. It is not only cost

effective and environmentally responsible, but will eliminate the need for the proposed five lane, 140th Street alignment road favored by the large property owners seeking additional highway carrying capacity for their future developments.

I am proud of the fact that during my four terms as mayor of Royal Palm Beach we were able to lower taxes, lower density and lower the crime rate while at the same time increasing police and fire protection, adding parks and preserves, and constructing four neighborhood schools. We have proved that it is possible to improve the quality of life and keep it affordable.

I hope that on the strength of this record my neighbors will see fit to elect me as their next county commissioner this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Tony Masilotti

Mayor Royal Palm Beach

Animals, like people, are suffering from the heat

Dear Editor:

As summer progresses and temperatures continue to climb, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) reminds readers of the serious consequences of leaving animals inside parked cars. Animals, like people, suffer from the heat. The two most common hot weather hazards for pets are being left outdoors with

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By Aaron Hoover

University of Florida News

It's quiet, invisible and maddeningly complex. Underwater erosion around bridge piers, a leading cause of bridge failure, has so confounded engineers they spend millions of dollars over-building bridges just to be safe.

Now, a University of Florida researcher is about to conduct large model tests to test equations aimed at cheaper, safer bridges. Coastal and oceanographic engineering Professor D. Max Sheppard's equations also could slash the cost of maintaining nearly 17,000 bridges nationwide thought at risk from the natural process known as "scour," experts say.

"We are anticipating some big things coming out of the studies," said Shawn McLemore, state drainage engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) in Tallahassee. The numbers that we're looking at for large structures we expect to be able to reduce by maybe a half, maybe down to a quarter of what we're used to, which you could imagine save a significant amount of money."

Using research dollars from the Florida DOT and the Federal Highway Administration, Mr. Sheppard is conducting the tests at the nation's largest manmade water channel in Massachusetts on a scale never before attempted. While scour experiments have been conducted in small laboratory channels, Mr. Sheppard's work at the Federally-owned flume in Turners Falls will rely 3,000 tons of sand, a 3-foot-wide artificial bridge pier and nine 5-horsepower outboard motors - crucial to testing his equations for the most massive bridges.

"Good laboratory data exists for small scale structures, and there is a clear trend towards less relative scour depths for larger structures, but we will not know for sure until these tests are completed," Mr. Sheppard said.

The constant flow of water in rivers and coastal waters tends to erode or "scour" sand or soil away from bridge piers. Without support, the piers lose their ability to support the structure, increasing the risk the bridge will collapse under its own weight or fail to withstand a collision with a ship or barge.

In 1987, scour created by a major flood caused a spectacular collapse of the then 33-

year-old Schoharie Creek bridge near Albany, N.Y., that left 10 motorists dead. More recently, officials in Florida and North Carolina have closed bridges while workers made emergency scour-related repairs. At one bridge in Florida, divers discovered a hole so deep one pier was completely undermined, Mr. Sheppard said.

Recognizing the danger posed by scouring, the FHA made a decade ago began requiring bridge builders to use "conservative" equations to predict scour depth, Mr. Sheppard said.

While those equations have lead to safer bridges, they have added greatly to the cost of bridges throughout the country, he said. The equations he is testing at the Turners Falls flume are intended to more accurately predict scour with the goal of scaling back construction and improving safety, he said.

"Where these existing predictive equations are very conservative, you can save literally millions of dollars," he said. "In some of these bigger bridges, you could probably save at least \$1 million on one bridge, because these bridges are very very expensive."

The U.S. Geological Survey-owned test flume in Massachusetts is 21 feet deep, 20 feet wide and 125 feet long. For some tests, researchers plan to sink the 3-foot-wide, 19-foot-long pile into 6 feet of sand and observe scouring depths using video cameras and acoustic measuring devices, Mr. Sheppard said. To test the equations in fast-moving waters, they will reconfigure the flume to form a closed "race track" shape and accelerate the flow of the water using three rows of three outboard motors each.

If successful, Mr. Sheppard's equations will lead to savings not only for new bridges, but also on existing bridges, experts say.

Based on the highway administration's current equations, 16,998 bridges nationwide are thought at risk from scouring should a major storm arise, while 65,689 bridges have a potential to be at risk, federal figures show. One hundred fifty-nine Florida bridges are thought to be at risk, while 180 more could be at risk, state officials said. Improved equations could result in the removal of some bridges from the list, sparing the expense of monitoring or improving them, said Richard Kerr, a bridge inspection and evaluation engineer with the Florida DOT.

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Crimestoppers



Roberta Lynn Carden

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Roberta Lynn Carden, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of issuing a worthless check and uttering a worthless check.

Carden is a white female, 5' 5", weighing 117 pounds. She also goes by the name Lynn Moxley.

She has blond hair and brown eyes and a scar on her

right arm. Her date of birth is June 9, 1968 and her Social Security Number is 281-78-3662. She is believed to be in the Belle Glade area. Her warrant was active as of July 21, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Carden, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Sun Spots

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Fall registration open for Glades Boys & Girls Club

The Glades Boys & Girls Club is accepting applications for their fall after school program. Parents or guardians can bring their children to Lake Shore-Civic Center, 1224 S.W. Ave. E., Belle Glade on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to register.

The fee is \$10 per child per school year, including non-school days and single holidays. It excludes winter and spring breaks and summer camps.

Registration is open to students attending Rosenwald, Pioneer Park, Glade View and Belle Glade Elementary. Students may only attend the club at the school where they are enrolled. Five-year-old must be in kindergarten and all students must present a social security card to register.

The Boys & Girls Club after school programs are offered Monday through Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. On non-school days it is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on early release days from noon to 6 p.m.

Programs include daily homework help, computer education, health and life skills education, prevention programs, vocational skills programs, career exploration, leadership and community service, sports and fitness, and social recreation.

For more information, call 992-5399.

Education Fair set for PBCC

Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus will host an Education Fair on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Juniors and seniors from local high schools and their families are invited to this event, which includes a free lunch, entertainment and campus tours.

The Education Fair will present information concerning the following topics, money for college (financial aid), career opportunities, how to use the internet, PBCC programs and services and what everyone should know about college.

Registration for Cana Point Elementary

Kathryn E. Cunningham/Cana Point Elementary School registration for new and returning students will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5 and Thursday, Aug. 6, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A parent or guardian must present proof of residency (electric or water bill, telephone bill or rent receipt), and all students must have a second measles immunization.

Students entering kindergarten and new to the Palm Beach County School system must show proof of immunization, proof of a recent physical, including a TB test, a valid birth certificate and whenever possible a Social Security number. Students

entering sixth grade must also have a physical and TB test. For additional information call 924-6460.

Prekindergarten open

Rosenwald Elementary School is holding registration for the 1998-99 Prekindergarten Early Intervention Program.

Sign up will be August 5-7 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the school, located at 1321 Palm Beach Road, West, South Bay. Submitting an application does not guarantee placement in the program. If the number of qualified applications exceeds the allocated number of students (22 per classroom) a lottery system will be used.

Requirements include: your child must be four or before Sept. 1, 1998, your household income must meet the requirements of the Free Lunch Program, and you must be currently employed or participating in the WAGES program.

Items you must bring to the school: documentation of age (example, birth certificate, passport, etc.), income verification (last three pay stubs, letter from employer, WAGES eligibility letter, and proof of legal guardianship, if possible).

Registration at Glade View is Aug. 14

Registration at Glade View Elementary will begin on Aug. 14 or all grades. Only a parent or guardian will be allowed to register the student.

Kindergarten and students new to the district must have proof of a physical, up to date shot records, birth certificate, and proof of residence (light bill, water bill, etc.).

For more information, call 993-0035.

Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 8 arrests the week of July 20-26.

Those arrested included: July 20 - Odessa Oliver, 26, retail theft warrant, failure to appear, battery and criminal mischief; Anquan Evans, 22, warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended; Tabitha Atkins, 24, domestic battery.

July 21 - No arrests made. July 22 - James Snead, 19, aggravated battery; Richard L. Harris, 49, petty theft; Juvenile, 14, obstructing a police officer without violence and corruption by threat of a police officer; Walter Frank Osborne, 47, domestic battery.

July 23 - Jamie Little, 19, burglary, petty theft, obstructing an officer with violence, warrant for violation of probation, corruption by threat, gang-related criminal activity and carrying a concealed weapon.

July 24 - No arrests made. July 25 - No arrests made. July 26 - James Terry, 24, disorderly conduct.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made one arrests the week of July 19-25. They also gave 108 citations, 61 written warnings, handed six offenses, seven incident

reports, 64 misc. incidents and two accidents.

Those arrested included: July 19 - No arrests made. July 20 - No arrests made. July 21 - No arrests made.

July 22 - No arrests made. July 23 - No arrests made.

July 24 - John McKenzie Spivey Jr., 31, court order for commitment.

July 25 - No arrests made.

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 660 complaints, worked 8 crime scenes and gave 14 traffic citations the week of July 20-26.

July 20 - Juvenile, 17, resisting a law enforcement officer without violence; Delnard Jackson, 21, resisting a law enforcement officer without violence; Lamar Phillips, 24, armed robbery, grand theft, petty theft; Valerie Hall, 21, attempted second degree murder; Matthew Thomas, 22, contempt of court; Bennie Clayton, 40, failure to appear; Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Juvenile, 14, felony theft.

July 21 - Augustaleon Benjamin, 29, domestic bat-

tery and failure to pay child support; Barry Lee Peterson, 50, battery.

July 22 - Juvenile, 14, robbery with a firearm and petty theft; Frederick Royal, 20, failure to appear; Juvenile, 17, burglary while armed, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

July 23 - Angelia Anne Osborne, 26, failure to appear; Glenda Denise Marshall, 26, retail theft; Ben Fields, Jr., 45, violation of an injunction; Antavious Tarver, 19, burglary of a business and grand theft.

July 24 - Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Michael Steward, 24, failure to appear and violation of probation.

July 25 - George Maddie, 40, domestic assault; Willie James Bush, 21, burglary of a business and grand theft; Jorge Anaya, 52, domestic assault; Audley Spence, 37, felony stalking.

July 26 - Juvenile, 17, burglary of a business and grand theft; Mohammed Alam, 31, aggravated assault with a firearm.

Editors note: The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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inadequate protection from the heat, or being left inside a parked car, pets who are subjected to direct sun without plenty of water even for a short period of time can easily suffer heatstroke. In the minutes it might take you to run into the store for a couple of items, the temperature inside your car can reach 120 degrees or more. A pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke when left in a car of left outdoors unprotected. Leaving windows open a crack, parking in shaded areas, or air-conditioned cars with the motor turned off will not save your pet from the life-threatening effects of hot weather.

The HSUS advises that pets be left indoors at home where they are safely confined and protected from the heat during summer months. If you do see an animal in a potentially dangerous situation during hot weather, notify the police, local animal control authority, or humane society immediately.

Airline travelers getting good bargains

AIR TRAVEL/FROM PG. 4 ple would not want to pay that much for the insurance and convenience of being able to book at the last minute and not have to worry about getting a guaranteed seat."

The practice also allows airlines to avoid charging passengers to cover the cost of flying with empty seats.

The principle is the same behind grocery stores including a charge in price of milk to offset losses from cartons that spoil and cannot be sold, he said. Furthermore, without over booking, no airline could make money, said aviation industry analyst Morten S. Beyer of Morten Beyer & Agnew in McLean, Va.

"Over booking ensures lower prices and fuller aircraft," he said. "About 20 percent of passengers who make reservations on airlines are 'no-shows.' The airlines are reluctant to penalize full-fare passengers who

don't show up, and therefore deliberately overbook flights to compensate for the no-shows."

The good news for passengers who lose their seats is that ever since the airline industry had the misfortune to bump consumer, advocate Ralph Nader in 1972, it has tried to give these passengers something in return, usually a free future flight, Shugan said.

The airlines lose little, needing only to find a seat on a plane that is running empty. By first asking for volunteers to be bumped, they also risk little public relations fallout, Shugan said. Moreover, some passengers may be happier being bumped when they leave with a free ticket, he said.

Other industries are intrigued by the way airlines can fill up their jets with yield management, Shugan said. "Hospitals are looking into this practice, but it can't possibly work for a hospital," he said. "Who is going to book early to

have a baby? And how are you going to get patients to volunteer to give up their rooms if the hospital is over booked?"

Just as empty planes cost airlines, empty beds drain patient revenues from hospitals, which still must pay nurses, doctors and utility bills, he said. But the same pricing system isn't practical for hospitals or other industries because they cannot take advantage of business expense accounts the way airlines can to charge business travelers more, he said.

Airlines are in the enviable position of being able to tell how much a customer is willing to pay by when they buy their ticket, Shugan said.

"They know that if someone calls up two months early to order a ticket, they're not willing to pay very much, and if someone arrives a minute before the flight, they're willing to pay a lot," he said. "Very few industries can do that," he said.

Black Education Summit

The Coalition for Black Student Achievement is sponsoring a Black Education Summit on Friday, July 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roosevelt Full Service Center. The center is located at 15th Street and Tamarind Avenue, West Palm Beach. (Enter from the west side near the railroad track.)

The summit will address issues affecting the education of Black children, the role of racial balance in education, the African and African American curriculum and other issues.

In Belle Glade, citizens can contact Shirley Walker at 996-1718 for additional information or Robert Walker at 996-0960. In Pahokee, residents can contact Mary Allen at 924-2951.

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Clayton & Lewis to wed



Eric M. Lewis and Carla L. Clayton

Carla Lashawn Clayton, of Belle Glade, is the daughter of Minnie Clayton and Charles Shelton of Belle Glade.

She is a graduate of Glades Central Community High School and is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Carla is currently employed at the Department of Children and Families.

Eric Merrell Lewis, of Belle Glade is the son of Austin and Lois Lewis of Belle Glade.

He is also a graduate of Glades Central Community High School and is a member of the Jr. Gents Club. Eric is employed by the City of Belle Glade.

The couple plans a double-ring ceremony at the Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Belle Glade. The marriage is scheduled for August 1, 1998 and the Rev. Daryl Brown will officiate.

Saying "I do" everyday

By Rev. Thomas McSweeney
Director of The Christophers



One Saturday afternoon, a couple of months ago, 500 couples got together to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Accompanied by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, they went to New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral to renew their marriage vows. Here was a scene repeated in churches and private ceremonies across America and, I wouldn't be surprised, beyond. And it's the one that I always find both touching and frustrating because I can't help thinking that these folks have a secret that other people need to learn.

Fifty years ago, in the late 1940's young men, back from World War II were marrying their sweethearts in record numbers. There was a generation that had grown up in the Great Depression, fought battles in distant countries and struggled on the home front. This was my parents' generation. They wanted security and success for themselves and their children. These men and women understood sacrifice as much as they believed in the power of their own

dreams.

Maybe that's why so many of them stayed together. Of course, society expected it then, and so did their religious traditions. But I get the feeling that a lot of these couples also expected it of themselves.

Not all expectations come to pass, of course. But there is a lot to be said for making a commitment you expect to last a lifetime. Give yourself too many outs and you will probably wind up taking one rather than trying to make your life and promises work.

In my twenty-seven years of presiding at weddings as well as counseling couples, I have learned more than a few lessons about what it takes to turn vows made into promises kept. I am convinced that long before a crisis hits a family, both husband and wife have already established how - or whether - they will handle the problem. A couple married 50 years spends 18,262 days getting along with each other. So it's only natural that day-to-day habits shape the commitment and health of a marital relationship.

A book called out a couple of years ago by Laurie Wagner called *Living Happily Ever After: Couples Talk About Lasting Love*. In an interview, the author said, "People always ask me, 'What's the secret?' I think the threads that ran through all these relationships were the most simple things but also the most difficult. Respect, lis-

tening to the other person and letting that other person be who they are. It all sounds so trite, but isn't that what we all want? We all want love, respect and kindness."

Just because "love, respect and kindness" sounds simple doesn't mean that you can feel or show these qualities without fail even when you try, even when you're still on your honeymoon. That's where forgiveness for your mate and forgiveness for yourself come in - and needs to stay for a lifetime. Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" is enough. Sometimes you need to make a major change in your attitude and actions.

"For better or for worse" was never easier for cowards.

And not everybody gets to celebrate a golden anniversary. I know of one couple who married later in life. They were good for each other and they were happy. Within a few years, the wife was diagnosed with cancer. They renewed their wedding vows. Rounds of chemotherapy caused her to lose her hair, so her husband shaved his head to keep her company. She died. They didn't have enough anniversaries together.

There are some things you don't get to choose. God makes the choice. But *who* you are as a person and a spouse, you got to decide the day you said "I do." And you get to make that decision every day of your life together.

A first in the history of the Glades Son of the Glades Head Alumni Association



Davi Enoch Hill and John H. Williams

Davi Enoch Hill, resident of Belle Glade, president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of Bethune-Cookman College Alumni Association received the 1997-98 Chapter of the Year Award at the 30th Annual National Alumni Convention held in Orlando on July 16-19. John H. Williams, President of the National Alumni Association of Bethune-Cookman College presented the award to Mr. Hill.

John H. Williams has been elected to another two year term as president. He is a former resident of Sand Cut, FL and a 1963 graduate of East Lake High School in Pahokee. Currently, a resident of Miami, he is the principal at Edison Park Elementary School in Miami. He is the son of Willie and Bertha Hunter of Pahokee.

This is the 2nd Chapter of the Year award received by the Palm Beach County National Alumni Association.

Bethune-Cookman College Ms. Alumni 1998-99

Iona Joseph-Gamble was crowned Ms. Alumni 1998-99 of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach Florida at the 30th Annual National Alumni Convention.

The coronation was held Friday, July 17, 1998 at the Orlando Marriott Hotel.

Iona is a graduate of Bethune-Cookman College. She is an English teacher at Coniston Middle School in West Palm Beach. Iona is also a member of the Palm Beach County Chapter of Bethune-Cookman College Alumni Association. She was escorted by David E. Hill, President.

Funds raised at the contest will provide scholarships for deserving students.



The apostle bird is so named because it travels in groups of about 12.



Local churches celebrate fellowship week

The young people of the West District One Area will be celebrating a week of fellowship. The public is cordially invited to celebrate at the following locations:

• St. James A.M.E. Church, 465 S. Lake Ave., Pahokee, Rev. James Rosier, Jr., pastor. Monday, August 3 - 7:30 p.m. & Wednesday, August 5 - 7:30 p.m.

• Harvest A.M. E. Church,

Larrimore Road, Pahokee, Rev. Patricia S. Wallace, pastor. Friday, August 7 - 7:30 p.m.

• New Bethel A.M.E. Church, Tobias Ave., Clewiston, Tuesday, August 4 - 7:30 p.m. & Thursday, August 6 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be a "Fellowship Feast" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 8 at the New Bethel Fellowship Hall in Clewiston.

Vacation Bible School at Wesleyan Church

Vacation Bible School will be held at Wesleyan Community Holiness Church, 333 S.W. 4th Street in Belle Glade beginning Monday, August 3rd through Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

All elementary children are invited to attend as well as

parents and guardians. Bible teaching, games and songs will be some of the highlights of this year's Vacation Bible School.

Refreshments will be served. Everything is FREE. For more information call (561) 996-7709. Ask for Doris Davis.

Obituaries

James D. Brady, 67, of Ft. Pierce, died July 23, 1998 at Columbia Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Ft. Pierce.

He was born in Cairo, GA and moved to Ft. Pierce three years ago, coming from Pahokee, FL.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a lineman with FPL Co. and the City of Wauchula for 13 years.

Survivors are: 3 sons

James A. Brady, Roger D. Brady, both of Ft. Pierce and Donald R. Brady of Pahokee; daughter - Jannell Brady of Pahokee.

Services were conducted at the Aycock Funeral Home three years ago, coming from Pahokee, FL.

Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Ft. Pierce. The Aycock Funeral Home in Ft. Pierce had charge of arrangements.

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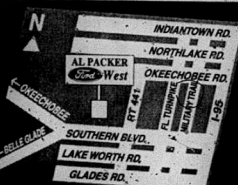
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This Week

On TV

All Times Eastern
■ BGN, Kroger 200
 8:30 p.m. • Friday • ESPN
■ Winston Cup, Brickyard 400
 1 p.m. • Saturday • ABC
■ Trucks, Cummins 200
 1 p.m. • Sunday • TNN

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 2,712	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 2,808	1. Ron Hornaday, 2,088
2. Mark Martin, 2,650	2. Matt Kenseth, 2,793	2. Jack Sprague, 2,019
3. Dale Jarrett, 2,584	3. M. McLaughlin, 2,755	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,954
4. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,499	4. Randy LaJoie, 2,464	4. Tony Rances, 1,789
5. Rusty Wallace, 2,462	5. Tim Fedewa, 2,410	5. Stacy Compton, 1,732
6. Bobby Labonte, 2,365	6. Phil Parsons, 2,337	6. Jay Sauter, 1,719
7. Jeff Burton, 2,304	7. Elton Sawyer, 2,330	7. Randy Tolma, 1,641
8. Terry Labonte, 2,236	8. Buckshot Jones, 2,325	8. Rick Currell, 1,617
9. Dale Earnhardt, 2,112	9. Elliott Sadler, 2,292	9. Mike Wallace, 1,549
10. Jimmy Spencer, 2,074	10. Hermie Sadler, 2,254	10. Bryan Rafter, 1,533

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon weathered a few close calls, and got splendid pit service, to win his fifth race of the season at the Pocono International Raceway. He could add to his point lead only slightly, however, thanks to a runner-up finish by the determined Mark Martin.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. dominated the field in South Boston, Va., but could not beat NASCAR

officials, who penalized him a lap after a bumping incident with Joe Bessey. Earnhardt led the first 245 of 300 laps, but Tim Fedewa captured the victory, with teammate Randy LaJoie second.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Ron Hornaday, driving an Earnhardt-owned Chevrolet, took advantage of one excellent restart after another to take the truck race at the new Pikes Peak track in Colorado.

TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon (1) | 6. Jeff Burton (5) |
| Breakout for Gordo | Due for a few more |
| 2. Mark Martin (2) | 7. Rusty Wallace (7) |
| Not far behind | Fast at Indy |
| 3. Dale Jarrett (3) | 8. Dale Earnhardt (10) |
| Hangin' in there | Tired of losing |
| 4. Bobby Labonte (6) | 9. Terry Labonte (8) |
| The man from Pontiac | Off the pace |
| 5. Jeremy Mayfield (4) | 10. Ward Burton (NR) |
| Unwitting victim | Just needs luck |

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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Brickyard 400
WHERE: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Speedway, Ind.
WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 1
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ricky Rudd
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Ernie Ivan, Ford, 177.736 mph, July 31, 1997.
RACE RECORD: Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 155.206 mph, Aug. 5, 1995.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Jeff Gordon and Dale Jarrett have victories to their credit, in addition to Rudd and Earnhardt.
NOTABLE: This race may have more drivers attempting to make the field than any this season. Expect 15 to 20 drivers to go home after failing to make the starting lineup.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

COMING UP: Kroger 200
WHERE: Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind.

ALMOST HOME COOKING

One of the most popular hang-outs near the speedway is the Steak 'N' Shake across the street near turn one. The crowd can be fierce, but the restaurant facilitates fast service by cutting down the menu to the basics, i.e., burger, fries and one of the chain's famous milkshakes.

WHEN: Friday, July 31

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Randy LaJoie
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: David Green, Chevrolet, 113.461 mph, Aug. 4, 1994.
RACE RECORD: Jimmy Hensley, Oldsmobile, 96.923 mph, June 22, 1985.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Morgan

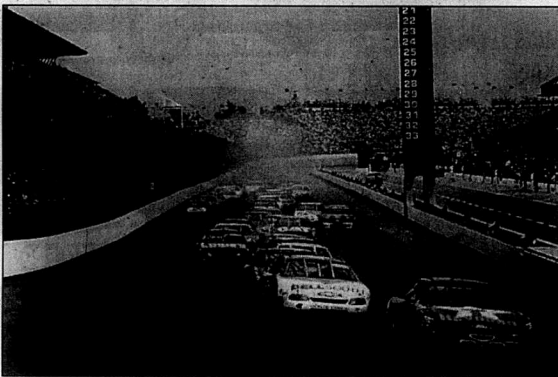
Shepherd has won three times. Jason Keller, Tracy Leslie and LaJoie are also ex-winners. **NOTABLE:** IFP began hosting the Busch Series in 1982, with one appearance in every year since.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

COMING UP: Cummins 200
WHERE: Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind.
WHEN: Thursday, July 30
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ron Hornaday
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Jimmy Hensley, Dodge, 109.750 mph, July 31, 1997.
RACE RECORD: Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 65.720 mph, Aug. 1, 1986.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Skinner won the truck events at IFP in 1996 and 1997.
NOTABLE: After this Thursday-night affair, the series will move to Loudon, N.H., for a Sunday-afternoon race.

PROFILE

Indianapolis Motor Speedway



Cars race around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway last year.

Photo courtesy of Indianapolis Motor Speedway

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
LOCATION: Speedway, Ind.

SIZE & CONFIGURATION: 2.5-mile oval with four distinct turns
OPENED: 1911
ALL-TIME WINSTON CUP RACE WINNERS: Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Dale Jarrett and Ricky Rudd have each won one.

ALL-TIME RACE WINNERS: A.J. Foyt, Al Unser Sr. and Rick Mears have each won four Indianapolis 500s.
SCHEDULE: May 24, Indianapolis 500; Aug. 1, Brickyard 400.

Any discussion of American automobile racing begins with Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Earnhardt

Originally built primarily as a test track for the fledgling automobile industry, Indy was for many years paved in bricks, hence the term "the Brickyard." A strip of those bricks remains to mark the start-finish line and serve as a testament to the track's reverence for tradition. Its seating capacity of nearly 300,000 makes it the world's largest stadium, and its two annual motorsports events are the world's most heavily attended.

When NASCAR first came to Indianapolis, in

1994, it marked an important milestone in the history of stock car racing. When Jeff Gordon won the inaugural Brickyard 400, it proved that NASCAR could thrive at Indy, which was equivalent to a play being accepted on Broadway.

Now the Dale Earnhardts and the Darrell Waltrips etch their own tire marks over those once left by Wilbur Shaw, Pete DePaolo and Bill Vukovich.

Although the stock cars circle the famed Brickyard at a speed much slower than their rear-engined counterparts, the action has been just as dramatic. Earnhardt, Dale Jarrett and Ricky Rudd have been the successors to Gordon as the only NASCAR drivers to tame the world's greatest ring of asphalt.

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week, I'm a Jeff Gordon fan, and I watch every race. My question is: How do they determine where each driver pits? Is it how they stand in points or how they qualify for each race, and is it the same at every track?
 Danny Vermillion
 Baysville, Ohio

Dear Danny, Each team selects its pit stall in the order in which its driver qualified. Until 1997, the reigning Winston Cup champion had the first pick, but that practice was discontinued. The same process is followed at every track.

Dear NASCAR This Week, I watched the Richmond race and couldn't believe that Rusty Wallace didn't get penalized for pushing Jeff Gordon into the wall. Everybody knows if the tables were turned, Jeff Gordon would've been penalized. Rusty Wallace seems to get away with everything on the track, like jumping starts and causing wrecks, yet the NASCAR officials never do anything to him.
 LuAnn Fisher
 Hazelton, Pa.

Dear NASCAR This Week, They say everyone has a double somewhere. Well, how about Darrell Waltrip and John Walsh of "America's Most Wanted"? Another matter: Three cheers for Rusty Wallace.
 Marge Peterson
 Ossage City, Kan.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK
 In the late stages of the Pennsylvania 500, Dale Jarrett's chances for a good finish seemed hopeless. His Ford was spewing smoke, and NASCAR was on the verge of black-flagging him. But somehow, under enormous pressure, the Todd Parrott-led crew took advantage of a caution flag and repaired the damage.

Fan Tips

During Brickyard 400 week, Indianapolis will be filled with festivals and personal appearances. One annual Ford-sponsored get-together gives thousands of fans a chance to meet the various Taurus drivers and get autographs.

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TRIVIA

1. What Hollywood actor once co-owned a Winston Cup team?
2. What famed singer recently invested in a BGN team?
3. Who was the upset winner of the 1982 Southern 500?

- ANSWERS
 1. Larry Frank
 2. Hank Williams
 3. Brett Reynolds

Who's hot?
 Jeff Gordon is on-rampage: 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 7 of his last 8 races.

Who's not?
 Dick Trickle: 16 races without a top-15 finish.

Journeymen driver Dallenbach finds a few more choices

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
LONG POND, Pa. — Wally Dallenbach Jr. so often a victim of fate, now finds himself in the unusual position of being able to pick and choose where he wants to drive.
 "Yeah, strange world, isn't it?" said the suddenly marketable veteran of 146 fruitless Winston Cup starts.
 Dallenbach, 35, is wisely considered to be a better driver than his record suggests, after years driving for Jack Roush. Bud Moore, Bill Davis, Felix Sabates and Rick Hendrick. His brief stint in the Team Hendrick No. 50

Chevrolet — he finished in the top 10 twice in three tries — had made him a candidate for several vacant rides.
 At Pocono he finished behind the wheel of the Budweiser-Dan Marino-owned No. 13 Ford, recently repainted by the name of Jerry Newman. Dallenbach will also drive the car here at Indianapolis. He would drive for the rest of this season, maybe next season, too, but Dallenbach wants to make sure the car has the potential to win.
MUSICAL CHAIRS: Recent firings and hirings resulted in all kinds of new faces in cars here. In addition to Dallenbach's dalliance with the No. 13, Morgan Shepherd

drove the No. 91 Chevrolet of Joe Falk. Jimmy Horton drove the No. 35 Pontiac of Butch Hancher, and Nadeau found himself in the No. 9 Harry Melling Ford. Of the three, only Horton failed to make the Pocono starting field.
LATEST FROM SPARTANBURG: Once more a scheduled return of Bud Moore to the series failed to materialize. Now known as Robinson-Moore Motorsports, the Spartanburg, S.C.-based Ford team was supposed to race at Pocono with Tim Steele behind the wheel.
 Once again, there was a strange story behind the non-appearance. Steele banged up some ribs testing

the No. 15 car at Indianapolis recently and, in the Tuesday, called Greg Moore, the general manager of his father's operation, to say he was not capable physically of making the race.
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Coaches: The Sun can't write about it if we don't know about it. Call 996-4404 with schedules and results.

Sports This Week

Let's Talk Football!
The third in a six part series on all the local high school teams and personalities

Last season's championship disappointment left these Glades Central Raiders with the bitter taste of

Unfinished Business!

Clear The Tracks

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

"Just let them know that I'm coming," demands Carlton Baker, Junior outside linebacker for this year's Glades Central Raiders. "I'm like a freight train," he forcefully warns upcoming opponents.

It's not braggadocio when you back opinion with fact, and Carlton's dedication towards improving himself physically this summer has paid off with huge dividends.

He's gained weightroom strength that places him among the strongest on the team.

His physique is imposing at 6 foot, 205 pounds, yet his speed and quickness has improved in pace with his conditioning.

This "nasty" attitude and appearance belie a real mama's boy, though, as Carlton stresses his "love for mama" and his determination to provide for her no matter his future path.

Baker's family is the motivating factor in his life, as is evidenced by the prominent tattoo on his right forearm that links him to his late grandmother, Reva Gainer. He insists on "staying connected with Grandma" as a constant reminder of her love and caring. This connection, and dedication to family is no small



Carlton Baker

factor in Carlton's success on the field and in the classroom. Carlton understands this, for as he put it, "my Godfather, Artley Carter, is always supportive and helps me stay focused, while my Stepdad, William Clovis stands firmly by my side."

Otherwise, Carlton's free time is spent talking with Christine, a close friend who lives in Port Charlotte. "We have a great line of communication," he relates, "We talk for hours about everything."

It appears that no matter how intimidating his appearance, Carlton Baker is actually a man firmly rooted in family values and appreciation of his friendships. His strong roots are a truly solid foundation for further physical, spiritual, and emotional growth.

Speed Rush

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

Nineteen sacks. Say it again, 19 sacks.

Dwight Jackson's 1997 sack total is nothing less than phenomenal and virtually unbelievable of the Glades Central defensive end who stands only 6'1", and a sinewy 195 pounds.

The secret lies in pure, unadulterated speed and quickness. His 4.40 forty yard dash speed is a quality so coveted by major college football programs around the country that Jackson will choose the college of his choice from many, many offers.

Dwight's current fame and future prospects of success seem to blend into his outstanding character with a great deal of anonymity.

Quite simply, it's not a primary topic of discussion in reviewing his personal life. Jackson takes real pride in his job at Winn Dixie, and appreciates the fact that he supports his own spending needs, rather than place the burden on his mother, Geraldine.

"She works extremely hard at her job with U.S. Sugar, and I choose to support myself by working, plain and simple."



Dwight Jackson

A refreshing attitude, yes, and very unique for a young man on the precipice of athletic stardom. As fulfilling, is Dwight's desire to study medicine in college with plans of becoming a doctor. "I like people," he states, "and I want to be able to help others."

Currently, Jackson occupies his free time breeding pitbulls. "It's something I've loved to do since I was 13 years old, and besides, I love dogs," he insists.

The master of the "speed rush" really spends a great deal of time cherishing his family ties, his obligation to his mother, his financial self-sufficiency, and burgeoning entrepreneurial spirit.

Considering his solid character and level-headedness, it is time well spent, indeed.

Power

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

"I tap into the power of God on every play," explained Utwan Cooper, senior strong safety for the Raiders, "I find myself praying all through the game."

Utwan's entire life seems to be based around strong, open relationships. He has a very strong bond with God, as evidenced, a honest, open relationship with his mother, Wilma, and a 5-year, blossoming friendship with his girlfriend, Jenekia.

"I work to stay close with God, and work hard to stay close to the important people in my life," he maintains, "for one helps me stay focused on the other."

"I play for the excitement and the hitting," Utwan was quick to add, almost in an attempt to portray a harder attitude than he had been revealing. Attitudes aside, Utwan seems driven, not only by his faith, but by his desire to provide for his mother.

"Every play I make, I'm building a new home for my mom...every play," he states.

Playmaking has never been



Utwan Cooper

his shortcoming, as Cooper covers the field with the same veracity that he portrays his loyalties. His 98 tackles, 2 sacks, and one interception return for touchdown, are testament to his ability to see the field, decipher the play, and get his head in "on the hit."

"The game teaches me a lot about life," he adds, "but I really get the most from my brother, Lazarus. He's my home coach."

Utwan Cooper is reminiscent of a well-tooled engine, operating at peak performance, on and off the field. An engine in his own right, but powered by the strength of his spiritual faith and the love and grace of his family and friends.

Not-So-Secret Weapon



Antonio Thomas

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

"We were so strong on defensive side of the ball last year, that the other teams just couldn't respect us all," relates Antonio Thomas, "I was an unknown, secret weapon, if you will."

I'm asking myself just how unknown and secret this man, who stands 6'4", 257 pounds, could be. If physical stature and presence alone could not define him last year, then this

4.8 40 yard dash speed and 14 sacks this past season most certainly will.

"I'm expecting more double-team blocking schemes this year," Antonio says, "I'm really going to have to work hard to get mine this season."

Working hard is a challenge that Antonio Thomas seems to meet, as he maintains a strong B average in the classroom while also holding down a part-time job at Swift Auto Detail.

"Football motivates me to strive in the classroom," he states, "I need to maintain my grades in order to maintain my ability to play." This is a very unique symbiosis, football feeding educational motivation feeding football.

One of Antonio's other motivations is to get "out of Florida," as he put it. "I love my Dad, and we get along real well, but I need a change, especially to get out of this heat."

The best of luck to you Antonio. You can expect that, when you get where you're going, they'll know all about you. In fact, they'll be expecting you.

The Analyst



Nakia Campbell

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

Nakia Campbell wants to study to be a psychiatrist. "I love talking to people and helping them with their problems. I can really relate," he shares as his reasoning.

This Glades Central tailback will likely have opposing tacklers questioning their sanity this year, as Nakia possesses what can be termed "unusual speed," as is evidenced by his consistent 4.3 clocking in the 40 yard sprint.

Speed is a "God gift," as Nakia puts it, and he

understands that the rest of life, football included, requires discipline, dedication, and hard work.

"Sometimes I take things for granted, but my Dad, Mervyn, stays on top of me. He expects a lot, and rightfully so," Nakia shares.

Expectations have followed Nakia since he was a pee-wee football player, and he understands that this is the year to bear fruit.

"Potential is just a word, unless you fulfill it," he shared, with the insight that potential carries from the field to the classroom to the hallways to his relationships with friends and family.

Campbell related that true growth is measured in maturity, not only on the field, but in life.

This attitude, in itself, measures a level of maturity evident in Nakia Campbell, as his desire to prove himself a standout in life is at least equal to his desire to perform on the field.

"Football ends eventually," he shared, "and I've got to learn from both my success and my many mistakes, how to be a better man."

He contributes to the community by helping his father plan and host events designed to help the neighborhood kids and even spends time working down at the First Baptist Church on Main Street.

It's no mere coincidence that Claude's value of teamwork, gleaned from the game of football, has carried over into the balance of this man's life. If, in the grand scheme of things, man is measured by his contributions towards those around him, then Claude Harriott shines. Not only through his faith, but that greater than him, but also in his love for those less fortunate and gifted than he.

Belle Glade area. "He's very demanding on my time, but I know deep down that it's for a really good cause."

Claude understands that the principles learned through football parallel life in many ways. His penchant for team play and thirst for excitement and camaraderie are fed by the game, as is Claude's understanding of humility and loss.

"Last year, the way the season ended, really hurt, and I look upon it as unfinished business," he shared.

Claude plans on shouldering a heavier load on the field and off. "I'm usually the quiet type, but this year, since I'm a senior, I feel I need to be more of a leader."

Off the field, Claude

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Son Of A Preacher Man



Claude Harriott

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

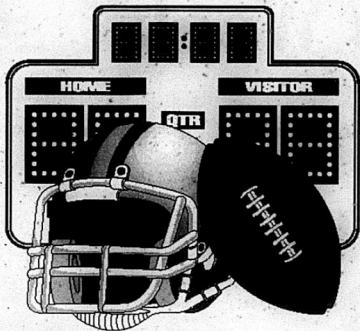
"God will have to call on me to be a minister. But for right now I plan on studying to teach Math and History. They're subjects I really love."

Such is the plan of Claude Harriott, senior Raider linebacker.

"I know I can't do anything without God, and I don't even try. I know that he's everything good, and he helps me where I can't, or won't, help myself. I owe all of my success to him."

The triumphs are many for this man, triumphs of his faith and the firm upbringing bestowed on him by his father, Desmond, who runs the Youth for Christ program here in the

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Walt Reynolds' Fishing Report



Walt Reynolds

Another week of hot, summer weather prevailed on Lake Okechobee. High water temperatures in the afternoon heat can make for tough fishing conditions.

It may have been hot, but the fish were acting like it was

springtime in the early daytime hours. There has been good topwater bite until the sun gets up over the horizon. The Iron Cross area had a regular traffic jam some mornings, as there were a lot of schooling fish, though mostly small. The pepper grass extending from Uncle Joe's Cut to Rita Island have also been producing some good fishing early in the morning. After the sun rises, you'll have better luck moving offshore to open water areas and fishing the reef or drops that are out there.

Best bet on topwater lures has been the Chug Bug or small tie bait. Some are using a Zoom Fluke or floating worm with success. When fishing a Carolina Rig, a

red/shad Power Worm or Gambler Ficht Fry on about a two-foot leader works well. I use a half-ounce Mojo weight with one or two beads between the weight and the swivel.

Be sure to take a few precautions when fishing in this hot weather. Drink plenty of water, staying away from coffee, tea, or caffeinated sodas (they'll dehydrate you).

Also, wear loose fit and light colored clothing to stay cool. Heat stroke and dehydration can be deadly if you ignore the symptoms.

One foot note. We wish our best to Roland Martin, who is in High Rock, North Carolina this week, fishing the Bassmaster Classic.

To all a good bite...
Walt Reynolds, Touring Pro

Local youth hits the links, shoots for the stars

By Philip Korn
Sports Editor

Long and straight. That's how we'd all like to hit the ball when we venture out onto the golf course. Yet, our golfing "truths" often seem stranger than fiction.

Enter Leon Rolle, full-time Honor Roll student at Pahokee Elementary School, and quite possibly, the area's newest golf phenomenon.

Leon, age 7, has "a true love for the game," according to Linda Branstrom, LPGA pro, and Leon's instructor at the recently completed Nike Junior Golf Camp, held at the Family Golf Center in West Palm Beach.

Passion for the game is not Leon's only unique quality, for his level of play was "right up there with the older kids," Branstrom related, "Often, Leon had the best shot of the entire group."

Keep in mind when absorbing this comment that the balance of Leon's camp group consisted of many 12 and 13 year old boys and girls, children not only more mature, but physically stronger and with greater endurance.

Leon's skill seems to be growing with every day's practice, which says a lot for this young man. "Leon really enjoys himself," his father Leonard related, "It's no struggle at all getting him out to play."

This dedication and desire is often hard to follow up on, as there is a real lack of organized youth golf activities here in the Lake area. "It's a real shame," Leonard Rolle states, "It's hard enough finding constructive activities for the young kids now a days. You'd think that the local courses would want to offer something to get the kids interested and keep them interested."

For now, though, Leon and



Leon Rolle, 7, displays picture-perfect form on his follow through

Leonard must travel all the way to Okechee Park, off of Forest Hill and Jog in order to get some organized golf instruction and activity. In fact, Leon trains there every Saturday and plans to enter in some of their upcoming Junior Golf Tournaments this fall.

At the Nike Golf Camp, which just completed this past week, Leon was privy to some of the country's best hands-on teaching, guidance and supervision. While there, "the kids breath, eat, and sleep

Leon seems to be enjoying himself just fine and his father is careful to not over emphasize the game at the expense of Leon's youth and need to enjoy his childhood. "He's just a kid," Leonard relates, "and I want him to enjoy being one."

Leon's regimen consists of daily practice and training every Saturday at Okechee for now and possible entry into the upcoming Junior PGA tournament on August 15th or the Junior Presidential Cup on September 12th. Leon will



Leon lines up a crucial putt, imagining he's on the 18th green at the Masters Tournament.

golf," according to supervising pro Branstrom, "it's an immersion into the world of golf."

The participants are introduced in the rules, and taught how to hit each shot with proper form and strategy. Also, the players are taught the finer points of the game ranging from on-course courtesy to the ever elusive practicing of patience.

The players are also introduced to the many goings on in the Junior Golf Circuit, the next plateau.

most likely compete against 12 or 13 year olds at these tournaments, so that he can be among those at similar or greater skill levels, providing him with a real challenge.

Parents with interested children can contact Head Pro Bobby Brown at Okechee at 561-964-GOLF or Linda Branstrom at Family Golf Center at 561-683-4544 for more information about Junior Golf instruction, camps, and individual or group lessons and programs.

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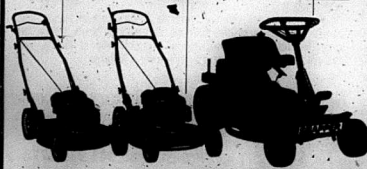
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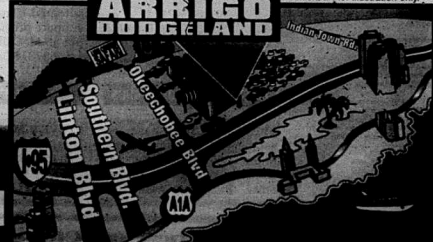
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